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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AT AND DESCRIPTION OF
TRAI SAU PRISON, TRAI SAU, HONG SON HAMLET, AN/YEN SINH
VILLAGE, DONG TRIEU DISTRICT, QUANG NINH PROVINCE, IN
EARLY 1986; PRESENCE OF VIETNAMESE MILITARY PRISONERS
AND CHINESE POW'S

DOI: EARLY 1986

TEXT: 1. AS OF EARLY 1986 NO AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE HELD AT TRAI
SAU PRISON, TRAI SAU, HONG SON HAMLET, AN/YEN SINH VILLAGE, DONG
TRIEU DISTRICT, QUANG NINH PROVINCE. ITS EXACT LOCATION IS IN A
WOODED AREA NEXT TO TRAI LOC DAM (XJ 6139), ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS OF
YEN SINH VILLAGE OFFICE. BUILT IN 1981 THE PRISON HOLDS POLITICAL
PRISONERS, CHINESE PRISONERS-OF-WAR AND VIETNAMESE MILITARY WHO HAVE
COMMITTED GRAVE OFFENSES.

2. THE PRISON IS A TWO STORY BUILDING. ITS GROUND FLOOR HAS
BRICK WALLS, REINFORCED WITH STEEL RODS, ABOUT 40 CENTIMETERS THICK.
THERE ARE ONLY THREE NARROW WINDOWS THAT OPEN NEAR THE CEILING ON
THREE SIDES OF THE GROUND FLOOR. THE CEILING IS IRON REINFORCED
CONCRETE. THE ONLY ENTRANCE TO THE GROUND FLOOR IS THROUGH THE UPPER
STORY THAT CONTAINS OFFICES AND THE LIVING QUARTERS OF THE WARDENS.
THE BUILDING OCCUPIES ABOUT ONE QUARTER OF A FENCED, OFF-LIMITS, 3.5
ACRES OF FARMLAND THAT WAS CONFISCATED FROM LOCAL INHABITANTS. THE
HOUSES OF THE NEAREST INHABITANTS ARE ABOUT ONE KILOMETER FROM THE
PRISON. FROM A DISTANCE, THE PRISON LOOKS LIKE AN OFFICE OR
INDUSTRIAL BUILDING. ITS ENTRANCE IS NOT CLEARLY MARKED. THE NUMBER
OF INMATES, MANAGEMENT AND OTHER DETAILS OF TRAI SAU PRISON ARE NOT
KNOWN.

3. COMMENT:

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